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14 INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY ON FEDERAL DRUG DEALING AND FIREARMS CHARGES

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ANDREW L. TRAVER, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; PAUL LOGLI, Winnebago County State's Attorney; RICHARD MEYERS, Winnebago County Sheriff; and STEVEN PUGH, Rockford Police Chief, today made the following announcement:

A federal grand jury in Rockford today indicted 14 Rockford and Chicago area residents on federal drug dealing and firearms charges arising from a seven month cooperative investigation.

The federal indictment charges thirteen defendants with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base ("crack"), and one with aiding and abetting the conspiracy. Two defendants are charged with possession with to intent to distribute heroin, and eleven of the defendants are charged with multiple counts of possessing firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense. Two defendants are also charged with being felons in possession of firearms, and one defendant is charged with maintaining a residence for the manufacture and storage of heroin.

According to the indictment, it was the object of the conspiracy for the defendants, as members or affiliates of the Titanic Stones street gang, also known as "The Brothers," to profit from the illegal sale of large quantities of heroin and crack cocaine, by selling heroin and crack cocaine at numerous distribution sites controlled by the defendants in Rockford. The indictment also alleges it was a part of the conspiracy that the defendants sold and recruited others to act as "workers" to sell street-level quantities of heroin and crack cocaine at numerous houses and sites in Rockford. The defendants sometimes referred to these distribution sites as "tips" or "spots." The indictment further alleges that as part of the conspiracy, the defendants used force, intimidation, and violence, including shootings, to discipline members and affiliates of the gang who did not follow the gang's rules, to retaliate against competitors and rival gang members who infringed on the gang's drug trafficking territory, often referred to as "turf," and to protect the gang's drug distribution sites.

The federal defendants charged in the indictment are:

DARRELL D. DAVIS, also known as "Duck," 25 (DOB: 03/19/80), 536 Lawn Drive, Loves Park, was charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base, three counts of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense, one count of possession with intent to distribute 28 grams of heroin, and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

STEVEN P. EASTER, also known as "Little Steve," 21 (DOB: 11/25/83), 223 Webster Avenue, Rockford, was charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base, three counts of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense, and one count of possession with intent to distribute 56 grams of heroin.

AMBROSE L. JONES, also known as "Brose," 24 (DOB: 07/12/81), 1832 N. Main Street, Rockford, was charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base, and two counts of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense.

ANTHONY K. GLOVER, also known as "Bones," 22 (DOB: 01/03/83), 1420 12th Street, Rockford, was charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base, three counts of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense, and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

MONTRELL McSWAIN, also known as "Trell," 24 (DOB: 02/09/81), of Loves Park, was charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base, and four counts of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense.

DUPREE L. TURNER, also known as "Joe, Joey, Duke," 20 (DOB: 12/08/84), 5023 Champlain Street, Chicago, was charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base, and four counts of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense.

BOBBY L. HARRIS, also known as "David, B.O.," 20 (DOB: 12/21/84), 7851 S. Marshfield, Chicago, was charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base, and four counts of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense.

BRADFORD V. DODSON, also known as "Brad," 25 (DOB: 09/05/80, was charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and

cocaine base, and three counts of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense.

JAMAUL R. McKAY, 18 (DOB: 03/20/87), 4624 S. Evans, Chicago, was charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base, and one count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense.

FLOYD R. MURRAY, 20 (DOB: 04/04/85), 6937 South Harper, Chicago, was charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base, and one count of possession with intent to distribute heroin.

JOEL TURNER, Jr., also known as "Jo Jo," 23 (DOB 12/21/81), 610 N. Rockton, Rockford, was charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base, and one count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense.

CAMERON P. LEMON, also known as "Cam," 23 (DOB: 03/30/82), 15412 Clyde, Chicago, was charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base.

SYLVIA M. DAVENPORT, 25 (DOB: 04/15/80), 1018 9th Avenue, Rockford, was charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base.

JAMEAH M. FLINT, 22 (DOB: 06/26/83), 1534 Chestnut Street, Rockford, was charged with one count of aiding and abetting a conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base, and one count of maintaining a residence for the manufacture and storing of heroin.

If convicted, the actual sentence for each federal defendant will be determined by United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard, guided by the United States Sentencing Guidelines. However, the periods of imprisonment faced by a federal defendant for each count charged in the indictment are as follows: conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base - a minimum of 10 years and up to life in prison; aiding and abetting a conspiracy - a minimum of 10 years and up to life in prison; possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense - a mandatory minimum of at least five years consecutive to any other sentence; being a felon in possession of a firearm - 10 years in prison; possession with intent to distribute heroin – a minimum of 5 years and up to life imprisonment; and maintaining a residence for the manufacture and distribution of heroin - 20 years in prison. Defendants sentenced in federal court are not eligible for parole.

The case was investigated by the Rockford Offices of the ATF and FBI, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, the Rockford Police Department, including the Organized Crime Unit of the Rockford Police Department, as well as the Rockford-Winnebago County Metro Narcotics Unit. The case is being prosecuted in United States District Court by Assistant United States Attorneys Michael F. Iasparro and Mark T. Karner.

Members of the public are reminded that a criminal indictment is only a charge. Each defendant is entitled to a fair trial at which the government will have the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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